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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A7964

Nicholas NECHITAILO

Appln. No.: 09/972,902

Group Art Unit: 2839

Confirmation No.: 4465

Examiner: Chandrika Prasad

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH CUSHION MEMBERS PROTECTING OPTICAL FIBER RIBBON STACK (As Amended)

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on

December 16, 2003:

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REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) provided at the conclusion of the interview. Applicant submits that the Examiner's statement regarding the substance of the interview as set forth on the Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) is correct except for the Examiner's statement regarding "further amendments to overcome Keller". During the interview, independent claims 1 and 15 were discussed with regards to Coleman and Keller. Further, as indicated in the Interview Summary Record, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, have been overcome, and the prior art rejections based on Coleman would be overcome if claims 1 and 15 are amended to recite a plurality of cushion members. Lastly, Applicant is submitting